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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6286

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR AND TOURISM

1. AT LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR GERARD, MEMBERS OF THE JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD MADE FOLLOWING POINTS DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION OF TOURISM AND ITS PROBLEMS IN JAMAICA.
2. JAMAICANS WERE INTERESTED IN HAVING CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE HERE FOR PASSENGERS GOING TO THE U.S. THEY REFERRED TO THE SITUATION WHICH PRESENTLY EXISTS IN THE BAHAMAS AND CANADA.
3. SECOND POINT RAISED WAS 3-STOP RULE FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS. THEY FELT SUCH A RULE WAS APPLICABLE FOR EUROPE BUT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST JAMAICA BECAUSE IN MANY INSTANCES TOURISTS DID NOT GO TO THE OTHER ISLANDS BUT SPEND THEIR TIME IN JAMAICA INSTEAD.
4. LAST POINT RAISED WAS POSSIBILITY OF EASTERN OR DELTA TAKING MQER ROUTES PANAM PRESENTLY CURTAILING. ACCORDING TOURIST BOARD, PANAM NOW BEGINNING TO OPERATE 747'S EXCLUSIVELY WITH RESULTING CURTAILMENT OF SHORTER ROUTES.

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5. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED CONCERNING FIRST POINT THAT

SUCH PRE-CLEARANCE HIGHLY UNLIKELY HERE BECAUSE OF
INCREASED EXPENSES, ETC. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT HAS CONCERNING TO WHAT
EXTENT MINIMUM PRICE GUIDELINES FOR CHARTERS WOULD AFFECT
3-STOP RULE. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ACD INFORMATION
DEPARTMENT HAS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION BY EASTERN
OR DELTA TO TAKE OVER PANAM ROUTES.
GERARD

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